



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR**

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR AND BOARD OF HEALTH**

ORDER RESCINDING FACE COVERINGS MANDATE

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared a State of Emergency on March 10, 2020 due to the virus that caused the Coronavirus 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Somerville has determined that the threat of COVID-19 poses a present, real and imminent danger to public health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Somerville and as such declared a State of Emergency in the City of Somerville on March 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts closed non-essential businesses, prohibited gatherings of more than ten (10) people by Order No. 13 on March 23, 2020 and per the order the Department of Public Health issued a stay at home advisory on March 24, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has implemented a phased reopening plan;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is easily transmitted, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have advised that the spread of the disease from person to person is caused in part by respiratory droplets produced by infected persons and spread, e.g., via respiration, coughing or sneezing, and that people potentially can spread the disease even before they experience symptoms; and

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WHEREAS, after several months of distribution of vaccines to protect against COVID-19, the City of Somerville has seen a sustained decrease in its 14-day moving daily incidence rate and a sustained decrease in its weekly positivity rate;

The Mayor and the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL c. 111 §§ 95-105, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300.200 and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, acting by and through its agent authorized under MGL c. 111, §30, hereby declare:

1. The order entitled “Emergency Order Mandating Face Coverings” dated April 26, 2020 is hereby rescinded, effective April 30, 2021.

Douglas Kress, Director of Health and Human Services
Acting Agent of the Board of Health

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Date: April 30, 2021